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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the application of:

Confirmation No. 1751

SATO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2826

Serial Number: 10/653,194

Examiner: T. Tran

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

RESTRICTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Director to the U.S. PTO
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2005, in which the Office Action identified two (2) distinct species. The Office Action further required the Applicants, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single species for prosecution.

Pursuant to the Office Action's requirement, the Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, Species A directed to the subject matter recited in claims 1-8 and 12-14 for further prosecution. It is understood that claims 9-11 shall be withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter.

The Examiner takes the position that claim 1 is generic.

Accordingly, a timely examination and favorable action on claims 1-8 and 12-14 is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an

extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 107337-00052.

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